



NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WEEKI WACHEE

"With the birth of Jesus in our hearts, we carry light and love to the world."

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30AM

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Please silence your cell phone during the service.

Welcome! We pray this time will be a blessing and a source of spiritual strength for you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

STREAMING OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES will resume this Sunday, September 21. A BIG THANK YOU to Art Alt for all his time and energy to resolve this issue.

HELP NEEDED FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 5. We need your help in two ways: (1) if you are willing to carry a flag in the opening procession, please plan to be in the sanctuary by 9:15a.m. that morning to get a flag and instructions; and (2) if you are willing to help iron the flags during the week before the service, please contact Jill Helgeson at 352-410-0226. Thank you ahead of time for your help in making World Communion Sunday a very special occasion in our church's life!

COMMUNITY LIFE

TRINKETS & TREASURES - Sale Dates Friday, Oct. 3rd and Saturday, Oct. 4th. Last day for donations will be Tuesday, Sept. 23. Looking for bakers for the bake sale. Sign-up sheet in narthex.

MYSTERY DINNER, SEPTEMBER 23. Sign-up in the narthex. Arrive at church 4P for appetizers, then head out to a restaurant. Any questions, call Carol Anderson @ 630-564-7135

NATIVITY'S CARDS R US CIRCLE, SEPT 24. We will be making cards out of your used, donated greeting cards on **Wednesday**, Sept. 24, 9:30am-12:30pm, in Winemiller Hall. Any questions on this circle, please call Susan Nordstrom @ 352-428-1918.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL GATHERING, NOV. 7-9. Come join your sisters for Fellowship, Worship, Workshops, Bible Study and a rejuvenating weekend! Where: Warren Willis United Methodist Camp, Fruitland Park, FL. To register go to FLWELCA.com. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 10.** Carpooling available. Any questions, please call Kathy Drach @ 657-262-4023, or Ellen Lapinski @ 773-556-4466.

TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 18, 4:00p-5:30p. Volunteers needed, please sign up in the narthex. Any questions, call Linda Russo @ 352-596-0673.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, OCTOBER 25. If you are interested in joining our church, please mark your pew card and place in the offering basket. More information to follow.

NATIVITY 2025 PHOTO DIRECTORY - Copies of the directory are available in the narthex. If you would like an electronic copy, please send an email to nativitylutheran63@gmail.com and one will be sent.

The October/November/December 2025 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotional, and summer issue of ***Living Lutheran***, are available in the narthex and admin building, and you are welcome to pick one up. A small donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of the devotionals. Small manila envelopes are available for your donation and can be put in the offering basket or brought to the office.

WAYS TO DONATE TO NATIVITY. Nativity has a Venmo account. You can send a donation to: @Nativity-LutheranChurch. Also, if you prefer, Nativity has a Zelle account. Send to: nativitylutheran63@gmail.com.



Also available is the QR code (see code on left) that is specifically for Nativity donations. Just point your phone's camera at it and a website address will pop up.

COURTYARD PAVERS – If you would like to purchase a paver in memory or in honor of someone, please ask the office for a form. Cost \$75. We will submit another order by end of September.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:45AM. For more information call Noel Prettyman at 352-515-3345.



FALL BIBLE STUDY: OUR HOPE IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT. Could you use a little hope in your life right now? Come, join our fall Bible Study on the earliest epistles of the Apostle Paul (Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians) that speak to our hope in this life and the next. The 7-week study will be held **Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30p.m. in Winemiller Hall beginning October 8th** and will be led by Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you intend to participate. If you have any questions, you can talk to Carlan in church or email him at cdhelgeson@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY: Sept. 17 & 18
Total Shoppers: 34 - Total Served: 126

September's donation of the month:
 Syrup (24 oz) and/or Pancake & Waffle Mix (32 oz)

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - NATURE COAST HUMANE SOCIETY. Founded in 1964, the Humane Society of the Nature Coast, Inc. is a private, no time limit, non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue and health of orphaned, surrendered, and abandoned pets. **Nativity Lutheran Church is going to offer a Blessing of the Animals on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 AM** at the shelter located at 7200 Mobley Rd Brooksville, FL 34601 (corner of Wiscon & Mobley). Anyone is welcome to attend and bring pets to receive a blessing. This will be our way to support the shelter and at the same time, let people know about Nativity. In the meantime, we are collecting the following items: Purina One dry adult dog/cat and kitten/puppy dry food - wet cat/kitten food and wet dog/puppy food - clumping cat litter - Dawn dish soap - window cleaner - 13 and/or 33 gallon garbage bags - laundry bleach/soap - paper towels - gallon size ziplock bags - bath towels. You may place your donations in a special container provided for you in the narthex or bring them when you on the day of the blessing. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Simply use a green envelope and mark it "Nature Coast Humane Society".

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH – If you know anyone in our congregation that is hospitalized, in need of home communion or a pastoral call, please call the office at **352-597-1456**.

INTERNET. When on campus look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9AM - 12PM
FOOD PANTRY: Wedn & Thurs 9:30AM - 12:30PM

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - Pastor Giuseppe will be at the church office the mornings of Monday through Wednesday. He'll be studying, attending meetings, and doing visitations in the afternoons of those days. Thursday and Friday are dedicated to self care and family commitments. He'll be working on finalizing his sermon on Saturday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 22

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| T&T Collection (Al Lien) | 9:00AM |
| Altar Guild (Winemiller) | 10:00AM |
| Bell Choir (Sanctuary) | 4:30PM |
| Harmonizers (Winemiller) | 6:00PM |

Tuesday, September 23

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| Council Meeting (Library) | 10:00AM |
| Dwelling in the Word (zoom) | 12:55PM |
| T&T Collection LAST DAY (Al Lien) | 1:00PM |
| Mystery Dinner (Winemiller) | 4:00PM |

Wednesday, September 24

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| Food Pantry (Al Lien) | 9:30AM |
| Cards R Us (Winemiller) | 9:30AM |
| Mission & Outreach (Library) | 10:00AM |
| Confirmation Class (zoom) | 10:00AM |
| Dwelling in the Word (zoom) | 12:00PM |
| Innovation Church (Library) | 5:30PM |
| Girl Scouts 24402 (Winemiller) | 5:45PM |
| Choir Practice (Sanctuary) | 6:00PM |

Thursday, September 25

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| TOPS (Winemiller) | 9:00AM |
| Food Pantry (Al Lien) | 9:30AM |

Friday, September 26

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| Crafty Ladies (Al Lien) | 9:00AM |
| T&T Shelving Set-Up (Winemiller) | 10:00AM |
| Girl Scouts 24417 (Winemiller) | 6:30PM |
| AA Meeting (Al Lien) | 6:30PM |

Saturday, September 27

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| Friendship Circle (Straz Center) | 1:45PM |
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Sunday, September 28

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| Worship Service (Sanctuary) | 9:30AM |
| Sunday School (Al Lien) | 9:45AM |

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS—2025:

October 3 & 4 - Trinkets & Treasures
 October 5 - World Communion Day
 October 7 - Animal Blessing

